

# Profs told they could be fired by Simon Fraser administration

BURNABY (CUP) — The threat of administrative repression which has been hanging over the heads of striking faculty in Simon Fraser University's department of political science, sociology and anthropology began to materialize Tuesday as the SFU administration made its first move toward suspension and dismissal of the strikers.

The move has brought counter-responses from students and faculty outside the PSA department, which has spread the eight-day-old strike into other departments of the university.

In individual letters to 11 PSA faculty members who are taking part in the strike, acting administration vice-president L. M. Arivastava set a deadline of 5 pm local time last night for their capitulation to an administrative de-

mand that they teach all regularly scheduled classes, using course material described in the SFU calendar and approved by the academic senate.

A promise by the faculty to comply with the administration demand, first made Sept. 24, the day the strike began, would amount to the virtual ending of the strike by the professors.

"If you fail to respond or your answers are negative, it is my intention to recommend to the president (SFU administration president Ken Strand) that he immediately suspend you and institute dismissal procedures against you," the letters said.

The administration claimed failure to comply with the ultimatum would constitute sufficient grounds for "breach of contract" by the faculty and termination of

contract by the administration.

Five professors in the 16-man PSA department did not comply with the overwhelming vote in favor of the strike in the first place. Striking members began picketing the classes of the faculty "scabs" Tuesday.

Six striking PSA faculty wrote a response to the administrative ultimatum, entitled "Who has broken contracts with whom?", but their response has had limited circulation. Members of the administrative trusteeship over the department would have to sign the requisition form for paper required to circulate the document.

The administration's move has provoked SFU history students, already on record as supporting the PSA struggle, to join the strike.

At a special meeting of the History Students Association Tuesday members voted near unanimous endorsement of the strike action taken by the PSA department, and called for a general strike of history students to begin at 12:30 local time today.

The strike would continue "until such time as negotiations begin between the SFU administration and the department of political science, sociology and anthropology."

Approximately 250 history students out of a total enrollment of 750 attended the meeting; 150 voted in favor of the strike.

The history students also called upon faculty and staff in their department to support the strike.

Two members of the PSA department, associate professor John Leggett and graduate student Pat Hoffer, have begun a tour of Canadian campuses, explaining the SFU crisis and drumming up financial and moral support for the beleaguered department.

They are in Toronto today and will stay until Sunday.

## Canada Briefs

### U of S students veto occupation plan

REGINA — Students at the Regina Campus of the University of Saskatchewan September 19 downed a student-council-sponsored proposal to occupy the financial offices of the Regina administration as a means of forcing the board of governors to negotiate over a tuition hike at the university. The proposal was brought before a general meeting of students after an emergency session of the council the day before, where councillors decided on the move as a response to student demands that they formulate concrete programs to fight the fee hike of \$25 announced by the board four months ago. Instead, the students passed a motion calling for a "massive educational program" in the province, to explain the crisis and state the students' position on universal accessibility to higher education.

### Robarts to look at fraud charge

Ontario premier John Robarts has officially accepted the resignations of two students who left the Ryerson Polytechnical Institute's board of governors two weeks ago, and assured them he would "look into" charges they have levelled against the board. The two students have charged that the Ryerson board had deliberately prepared to mislead the Toronto city council in presenting a phony set of expansion plans to hasten rezoning of land adjacent to the institute. They withdrew from the board saying they were "ignored, deceived, and treated like kids," by other board members. Over the opposition of two of their own members, Toronto's board of control Wednesday September 24, joined education minister William Davis in rejecting the student's charges; the board voting only to ask the Toronto planning commissioner for a report "on the present status of the Ryerson . . . plan." The Ryerson student council has also taken the administration's side, claiming last Wednesday that Finlay and Jackson "put their own interests ahead of other students." Their statements about fake expansion plans are a "red herring" that has been magnified out of proportion by the press, council said.

### UWO courses sold on black market

LONDON — Classroom overcrowding and a registration messup have opened up a whole new area of free enterprise at the University of Western Ontario — a black market in course registration cards. Some departments at the university have not bothered to keep track of course enrollment cards given out during registration, and as a result students could register in close to 30 different courses, some of them more than once. And some students have been cashing in during a year when Western bulging at the seams, has turned away students due to a lack of space. Less fortunate students turned away from overcrowded classes have been able to buy the required course card for prices ranging from \$2 to \$40.

### Voluntary union planned at Memorial

ST. JOHN'S — Students at the Memorial University of Newfoundland will vote for or against compulsory student unionism October 30 and 31, following a student council decision September 22 to put the question to the ballot. The referendum will ask the student body if they want to continue paying a compulsory \$20 fee into the student union as it now exists or pay on a voluntary basis. At present, only the University of Guelph operates under a voluntary union scheme. Students at the Saskatoon campus of the University of Saskatchewan vetoed voluntary unionism during a similar referendum last year.

### Administrators divided on unrest

OTTAWA — It shouldn't be too bad a year for university administrators according to most of the administrators at an Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada press conference last Thursday. "The feeling is that new and better relationships are developing," said Geoffrey Andrew, AUCC executive director. AUCC is an organization of university and college administrators from 59 campuses who, according to Andrew, are a national organization to "speak for Canadian universities." University of Manitoba administrative president H.H. Saunderson said even the most extreme radical students he had dealt with were amenable to discussion about the shortcomings of programs they proposed. But there were dissenters such as W. E. Beckel, academic vice-president at the University of Lethbridge, who said that most radical students were not interested in the welfare of the university. He said "dialogue" with extremists does not work.

### 12,000 out of school over dispute

CHAMBLY P.Q. — A dispute between the regional school commission and the teachers' association in Chamblly resulted in no school September 23 for 18,000 high school students. A decision to close the 15 Catholic high schools under the regional board's scope came when the teachers' association did not meet the board's September 22 deadline for settlement. The dispute grew out of a failure to reach a settlement regarding treatment of teachers who resigned last May as part of a province-wide protest against stalled negotiations for a work contract dating back to 1968 and continuing to 1971.

# Waterloo students get veto over CPUO recommendations

WATERLOO (CUP) — Students at the University of Waterloo will have the opportunity to veto any recommendations coming out of the report of the Committee of Presidents of Universities of Ontario, before they become university policy.

Waterloo administration president Howard Petch made the promise last Thursday to students who gathered outside his office demanding his reaction to the report, which calls for a hard-line response to virtually every form of campus disturbance except ordinary picketing.

While he would not reject the CPUO report out of hand, Petch said, all recommendations made by a committee studying the docu-

ment would be subject to the approval of the Waterloo federation of students.

Petch rejected student federation president Tom Patterson's description of the arrangement as a "parity veto," preferring instead to call it "defining mutually acceptable guidelines," as not only the students but also the faculty association and the president's council (senior administrative body at Waterloo) would have to approve any recommendations.

The next day, Petch also indicated he wouldn't mind leaving the enforcement of law and order in the hands of the state, rather than setting up disciplinary bodies within the university to accomplish the same task.

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